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BELARUS

Employment of dependents of official government employees

Agreement relating to the employment of dependents of official government employees. Effected by exchange of notes at Washington June 14 and July 26, 1996. Entered into force July 26, 1996.

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Embassy of the Republic of Belarus 1619 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C. 20009

No 013/1202

Washington, D.C. June 14, 1996

The Embassy of the Republic of Belarus presents its compliments to the State Department of the United States of America and has the honour to propose that, on a reciprocal basis, dependents of employees of the Government of the Republic of Belarus assigned to official duty in the United States of America and dependents of employees of the United States Government assigned to official duty in the Republic of Belarus be authorized to be employed in the receiving country.

For the purposes of this agreement, "dependents" shall include:

spouses;

unmarried dependent children under 21 years of age;

unmarried dependent children under 23 years of age who are in full-time attendance at a post-secondary educational institution

and

unmarried children who are physically or mentally disabled.

For the purposes of this agreement, it is understood that "employees assigned to official duty" includes diplomatic agents, consular officers and members of the support staffs assigned to diplomatic missions, consular offices, trade missions and missions to international organizations.

In the case of dependents of employees who seek employment in the Republic of Belarus, an official request must be made by the United States Embassy in Minsk to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, which after verification shall then inform the United States Embassy that the dependent has permission to accept employment.

In the case of dependents who seek employment in the United States, an official request must be made by the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in Washington to the Office of Protocol in the Department of State. After processing of the official request, the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus will be informed by the Government of the United States that the dependent has permission to accept employment.

The Government of the Republic of Belarus and the U.S. Government wish to clarify their understanding that dependents who obtain employment under this Agreement and who have immunity from the jurisdiction of the receiving country in accordance with Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations or in accordance with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, or any other applicable international agreement, have no immunity from civil and administrative jurisdiction with respect to matters arising out of such employment. Such dependents are also liable for payment of income and social security taxes on any remuneration received as a result of employment in the receiving state. Dependents continue to enjoy all other privileges and immunities to which they are entitled.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus further proposes that, if these understandings are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, this Note and the United States Government's reply concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of that reply Note. This Agreement shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate.

The Embassy of the Republic of Belarus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the State Department of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

United States
Department of State
Washington, D.C.



The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus to the Agreement as set out in the note from the Embassy of Belarus dated

June 14, 1996, and numbered 013/1202 which reads as follows:

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The United States Government accepts this agreement with the understanding that the term "trade mission" would include only those trade mission offices which have been accepted as part of either a diplomatic or consular post in the United States.

The Department of State is pleased to confirm that the Embassy's note and this note in reply constitute an agreement which shall enter into force on today's date.

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Department of State,

Washington, July 26, 1996.